Production of Agricultural Commodities in HP

2768. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) what is the per hectare production rate of wheat, rice, oilseeds, potatoes, apples and pulses in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether improved seeds have been developed in agriculture research sectors during the last three years in the State; and

(c) if so, the names of the new seeds of the said foodgrains which have been developed, togetherwith the production rates estimated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) the estimated production rate of wheat, rice, oilseeds, potatoes, apples and pulses in Himachal Pradesh for the year 1999-2000 is given below:

Crop	Production Rate (Kg./hectare)
Wheat	1266
Rice	1501
Oilseeds	477
Potatoes	13292
Apples*	23330
Pulses	513

*For 1998-99

(b) and (c) The details of varieties of various crops released during last three years in Himachal Pradesh and their estimated production rates are given in the statement.

Statement

Details of variety released during last three years for Himachal Pradesh vis-a-vis the yield rate

S.No.	Name of Crop	Name of varieties	Estimated Yield (quintal/ hectare)
1.	Fieldpea	HUDP 15	20-23
2.	Soyabean	Hara Soya (Himso 1563)	15-20
3.	Mustard	RCC-4	10
4.	Brown Sarson	KBS-3	10-12
5.	Gobhi Sarson	Neelam	15-20
6.	Linseed	Sheela (LCK 9211)	12-13
7.	Wheat	VL 738, VL 840 HS 365, Sapthara, Surahi	35-40 25-35 30-35
8.	Rice	Vivek Dhan 62, Vivek Dhan 82, VL Dhan 81	40-50 40-50
9.	Potato .	Kufari Griraj	270-300

Improving farmers' conditions in Bihar

† 2769. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether crops, flora and fauna, animals and birds, including fish, get destroyed every year in Bihar due to rain-failures and excessive rains;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.